

Congress of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Deputy Director Shalanda Young
Office of Management and Budget
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Dear Deputy Director Young,

We write to express our strong support for the ongoing work by federal agencies drafting plans to implement the Office of Management and Budget's ("OMB") "Guidance for Regulation of Artificial Intelligence ("AI") Applications." It is of the utmost importance for the American economy, national security interests, and U.S. international competitiveness that the Administration continues the process laid out in the OMB Guidance, and remain on track to submit plans for compliance to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs by May 17, 2021.


On February 11, 2019, the previous Administration launched the "American AI Initiative," aimed at developing a coordinated federal government strategy on AI. This Initiative directed OMB to issue guidance for AI development in the private sector. Additionally, it encouraged agencies to promote the use of AI technologies by reducing barriers, while also focusing on the civil liberty, privacy, and other ethical concerns that arise with AI innovation. In November of last year, we were pleased to see OMB publish the "Guidance for Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Applications." We strongly encourage the Administration to prioritize implementing this Guidance.

The OMB Guidance is vital to American interests as it will help federal agencies implement a consistent, comprehensive plan for the federal government approach to private sector use of AI. This will ensure that responsible, trustworthy standards are established which can serve as the foundation for future federal regulations and policy. The participation of federal agencies throughout the process will help foster innovation and support consistent applications of AI regulations across the federal government.


In addition to these domestic benefits, implementing the OMB Guidance will help the U.S. maintain its international leadership on AI and emerging technologies. The international landscape and competition are evolving on AI as other countries have begun writing their own standards for AI development. We are concerned that the People's Republic of China, as well as the European Union, are currently developing their own AI standards that could influence the international landscape. It is vital the U.S. maintain international leadership on AI to ensure any AI policy reflects transparency and incorporates responsible ethics.

We urge the Administration to continue its work towards implementing the OMB Guidance and look forward to assisting you in developing responsible, transparent AI policy.


Sincerely,



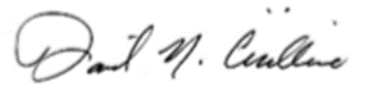
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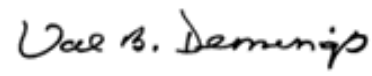
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